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## National Service Week

National Service Week is here, and the fact that the first week of the New Year bears that title is something in which everyone in Canada has an interest. The men are interested because it is obligatory upon each of them, between the ages of 16 and 45 years, to fill out one of the cards which the Government is sending to them through the post office authorities. The women are interested because their co-operation in being invited, in seeing that their men-folk attend to this important duty. The children are interested because their school teachers have explained to them the meaning of National Service and the way in which father and the big brothers at home have to reply to the various questions.

To write in the answers and return the card promptly is a good New Year's resolution for every man throughout the Dominion and it has the advantage of being easy of fulfillment. It only means a few minutes careful thought. The postman in the cities gets the hard work, for he has not only to deliver the cards; he is responsible also for their proper return. Prompt mailing of the answers will make the postman's work very much easier.

National Service means that we are to get into that frame of mind which will cause us to think of the needs of the country, to realize that the interests of the State have a greater claim on us than our self-interest. This applies to everyone, from the highest in the land to the lowest. The Prime Minister's motto "I serve" may well be the motto of every citizen of the British Empire at this time.

There are many ways of serving the nation besides going to the front. The man on the farm and the mechanic in a workshop may be serving the nation as usefully as the man in the trenches. Every man should be doing the work which represents his most efficient service to his country.

The war is teaching us, or should be teaching us, great lessons. Terrible as are its effects, those who have faith in Canadian manhood hope and believe that the nation will emerge from this experience a stronger and a better people. If the meaning of National Service is thoroughly grasped and properly understood, if the Government's call for information is responded to in the right spirit, the coming year will be the banner year in Canada's history.

## THE Girl AND THE Game

SATURDAY, JAN. 6th

Iron Claw  
Wednesday  
at the  
Grand Theatre

## Seed Grain Fair and Agricultural Short Course

Grand Theatre—January 23-4

Under the Auspices of The Empress Agricultural Society

Arrangements have been completed for the holding of a Seed Grain Fair and Agricultural Short Course in the Grand Theatre on January 23rd and 24th. A meeting of the directors of the Society was held in the Municipal building on Saturday afternoon, at which time the prize list was drawn up and approved and other details perfected. This is the first attempt of the local society to hold a winter fair and short course, and the liberal prize list should be the means of bringing out a good number of exhibitors in every class. With the fine grain crops produced in this district during the past season there should be some keen competition in all the various classes.

The following prize list has been adopted:

For Marquis Wheat—1st prize \$15; 2nd \$10; 3rd \$5.

For Red Fife Wheat—1st prize \$15; 2nd \$10; 3rd \$5.

For Flax—1st prize \$15; 2nd \$10; 3rd \$5.

For Abundant Oats and similar varieties—1st prize \$10; 2nd \$5.

For Banner Oats and similar varieties—1st prize \$10; 2nd \$5.

The following special prizes have been offered:

\$5.00 for the best sample bushel of white potatoes, the winning exhibit to become the property of the donor, Granville Mills.

\$5.00 for the best exhibit of wheat in any class, by Wm. Rowles.

\$5.00 for the best sample of oats shown in any class, by Alex. Hay.

A special prize of \$5.00 for the best exhibit of flax, by Frank Barry.

A special prize of \$5.00 to be given by R. M. Henderson, for the best collection of one or more varieties of grass seeds.

It was decided to have an open entry list for all exhibitors. An entrance fee of \$5.00 is to be charged on each entry. In the grain classes each exhibitor must have at least 50 bushels of the same grain as the sample exhibited.

Mr. W. J. Stephen, Principal of the School of Agriculture, at Clareholm, has been selected to lecture on Grain Topics as a part of the Agricultural Short Course. Mr. Stephen is one of the best qualified men in western Canada to give lectures and instructions on grain topics and no farmer can afford to miss the opportunity of hearing Mr. Stephen.

An invitation has been extended to the Hon. Duncan Marshall, Minister of Agriculture, to be present and give an address during the short course and it is hoped that he will be able to accept. The local agricultural society now numbers over 150 members and it is expected that a keen interest will be taken by the farmers of the district in this, the first event of its kind to be held in Empress.

## Patriotic Meeting At Acadia Valley

A meeting of the local branch of the Canadian Patriotic Fund was held in the hall Saturday, Dec. 27, at 2 p.m. The reports from the different committees showed splendid progress in the work, but owing to the cold weather has not been completed.

The following are the subscriptions received by the secretary to date:

D. M. Graham	50.00
Miss I. J. Flewelling	30.00
R. H. Fournelle	30.00
Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Poon	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. L. E. McLeod	10.00
D. Calder	10.00
J. Kusan	15.00
D. May	10.00
P. Merchant	100.00
M. J. Martin	15.00
J. J. Wain	25.00
J. H. Frey	50.00
W. F. Poon	75.00
A. Howard	15.00
G. Green	15.00
Vaill Skakap	100.00
Whiston Bros.	200.00
M. Packham	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. R. Hill	100.00
Ed. Murphy	25.00
W. Butterford	20.00
J. Chalmers	25.00
Gilbert McCulloch	15.00
A. Bentley	15.00
A. Ostry	10.00
E. J. Chapple	10.00
M. J. Chapple	15.00
Duffy Bros.	25.00
T. Ford	25.00
Carroll Ford	5.00
Geo. Fowles	15.00
Wm. Hughes	15.00
Geo. Hanson	15.00
Hall Bros.	50.00
George Longmuir	20.00
O. H. Macdonald	25.00
J. C. Phillips	15.00
Arthur Ross	15.00
R. E. Sullivan	15.00
R. A. Thall	25.00
A. C. Thall	15.00
Miss J. Ross	15.00
Wm. Green	15.00
J. Hallman	100.00
Isaac Hunt	15.00
Frank Hunt	10.00
F. A. Pope	20.00
K. Robinson	15.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. Shaver	20.00
R. Wolcott	15.00
Helping Hand Society	100.00
H. Lovell	15.00
Carl Walker	15.00
R. Haldeman	50.00
J. Crocker	25.00
T. Gibson	25.00
Ja. Volker	15.00
Robt. Brand	15.00
Robt. Anderson	10.00
Mr. R. B. Robinson	25.00
F. C. Robinson	25.00
D. W. Robinson	15.00
C. R. Robinson	15.00
C. Christensen	15.00
M. B. Francis	50.00
Jno. Ferguson	10.00
Wm. Fisher	10.00
Ephraim Fry	40.00
R. J. Hansen	10.00
E. Keown	10.00
A. H. Cromack	5.00
Gordon Meers	10.00
J. C. Morring	2.50
H. C. Foster	10.00
H. L. Salmon	35.00
H. L. Simmons	5.00
A. J. Small	25.00
Godfrey Range	25.00
E. L. Burgess	50.00
C. R. Westcott	25.00
Anthony Shultz	25.00
L. Cameron	25.00
M. C. Faulkner	25.00
Granville Mills	25.00
Paul Smaruk	25.00
J. G. Kluskey	25.00
Total	\$2702.50

## NOTICE

Empress, Alta., Dec. 28

To all Policy Holders.

The annual meeting of the Farmers Union Mutual Fire Insurance Co. will be held in the office of John Cusack, at Empress, Alta., on Thursday, January 25, 1917, at the hour of two o'clock.

By order,  
JOHN CUSACK,  
Manager.

## NEW TRAFFIC BRIDGE OVER AND DEER RIVER TO BE CONSTRUCTED BY BOARD OF TRADE

### WEDDINGS

DALBAK—NEILSON

On Thursday afternoon, Dec. 28th, at 3.30, at the home of Mr. N. A. Dalbak, Bindles, the Rev. Geo. L. Ritchie, of the Union Church, Empress, united in marriage Charlotte Annelle Neilson, of Norvick, Norway, to Nilas Andri Dalbak, of Bindles, Alberta. The bride, beautifully attired in a white silk dress, was given away by Mr. Paul B. Ostrom, and was supported by Miss Anni Osmark and Miss Annelle Dalbak—Com.

STAPLES—KUNST

A quiet wedding was solemnized on Friday evening, Dec. 28th, at 10.45 p.m., at the home of Mr. M. A. McColl, Jeweller, Empress, when the Rev. George L. Ritchie united in marriage, Alice Kunst and Francis William Staples, both of Bindles, Alberta. Mr. and Mrs. Staples returned to Bindles and their new home on Saturday morning—Com.

BUTLER—SMITH

Mr. Harry Lynn Butler and Miss Hazel May Smith, of Croton, Ontario, were united in marriage at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. McColl, at half past one on the afternoon of Dec. 28th. The bride and groom were supported by Mrs. Margaret and Mr. Elmer Bilton. The Rev. George L. Ritchie, of Union Church, Empress, officiated.

ARMSTRONG—DUTTON

Mr. Robert Ferguson Armstrong, of Idderleigh, Alberta, wedded Mrs. Edith Dutton, of Bms, Ontario, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. McColl. The bride was attended by Mrs. F. Boleford and the bridegroom was supported by Mrs. Dan McElschen, both of Empress. The ceremony was performed by Rev. George L. Ritchie, of Union Church, Empress. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong returned

A special meeting of the Board of Trade was held in the Municipal building on New Years afternoon. A report of the canvassing committee was submitted, showing sufficient subscriptions to warrant proceeding with the construction work at once.

A telegram was read from O. S. Pingle, stating that the Alberta and Saskatchewan Governments were unable to underwrite the construction of a concrete and steel structure at the present time, on account of the advance in price of structural steel from two and one-half to seven cents per pound.

Plans of the proposed pile-driver bridge were submitted to the meeting, which were inspected and discussed by the members present.

The secretary was instructed to submit the plans to the Dept. of Public Works for their approval, and also to secure permission for the bridging of the river at the point selected. A committee of three members were appointed to proceed with the purchase of necessary material and to arrange for the securing of the necessary construction equipment. A resolution was passed by the Board of Trade, to appoint two of their members to act in conjunction with the executive committee of the Board of Trade, in the matter of bridge construction. The subscription committee were instructed to continue their canvass for additional funds.

Billy Gets The Glad Hand

The many Swift Current friends of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Brodie, of Empress, were pleased to extend the glad hand to them on their brief visit, stopping over on route east for holiday trip.—Swift Current Sun.

to their new home at Cravath Corners, Idderleigh, on Thursday morning.

We have gone carefully over our mailing list and made all corrections. If the date on your label is not correct let us know.

If your subscription expired at the end of the old year, there is no better time to renew than now.

If it appears on January 31st your name will be taken off the list.

The Express is \$1.50 per year in advance.

## ACADIA VALLEY

December 16th

A very enthusiastic meeting of the local branch of the Canadian Patriotic Fund was held in the hall Saturday, Dec. 16th. A systematic canvass of the district is to be made in the interests of the fund. The following chairmen were appointed: H. Westcott, R. L. Johnson, Jas. Charters, G. L. McLeod, F. C. Robinson, F. A. Pope. Each chairman will choose a committee in his own district. No difficulty is anticipated in raising the five thousand dollars required, as every true patriot feels the obligation of caring for the dependents of the boys who have gone to take up arms in our defence.

Mrs. D. Murray, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Lottie Murray and her sons William and Stephen, Bridges, left recently for New Brunswick, B.C., where they will spend the winter.

Wm. McLeod left on Thursday for his home in Nova Scotia.

The schools in this neighborhood are closing this week for the winter vacation. Miss Currie left on Saturday for her home in Calgary. An entertainment and Christmas tree was held in Granddale school on Wednesday evening. The closing of school for the Christmas vacation was celebrated in Acadia Valley school on Friday afternoon, Dec. 22nd.

Those who attended the Masquerade Ball on Tuesday evening report an enjoyable time. The ladies prize was won by Mrs. Keena, and the gentlemen prize by Tom Gibson. The lunch and the music was excellent.

## A National Call for Information!

THIS CARD MUST BE FILLED IN AND PROMPTLY RETURNED BY ALL MALES BETWEEN THE AGES OF 16 AND 45 INCLUSIVE.

NATIONAL CANADA SERVICE.	
1. What is your full name?	2. How old are you?
3. Where do you live? Province, County or City, and Village or Post Office.	4. In what district are you living?
5. What is your occupation?	6. What are your interests?
7. How much time have you lost in military or naval service?	8. What are your military or naval honors?
9. Have you full use of your arms?	10. If not, are you disabled?
11. Of your legs?	12. Of your sight?
13. Of your hearing?	14. What are you working at for a living?
15. When do you work for?	16. How long a time do you work for?
17. How long a time do you work for?	18. How long a time do you work for?
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47. How long a time do you work for?	48. How long a time do you work for?
49. How long a time do you work for?	50. How long a time do you work for?

Write your Answers on the Card which you will shortly receive and Return Promptly. It is Obligatory!







## FOR THOSE IN FRANCE

(By ROBERT J. C. STEAD)  
**HE** heard the call of country clear;  
 He weighed no circumstance;  
 Afar from those who held him dear  
 He lies tonight—in France.

The tears of pride were in her eye;  
 All love was in her glance;  
 She sent him forth, if need, to die,  
 To die for you—in France.

His babies lip their prayer to Him  
 Who errs by no mischance;  
 While in the trenches, bleak and grim,  
 Their father fights in France.

For lips that pray, and eyes that weep,  
 And hearts that feel the lance,  
 Dig down, dig down, dig down,  
 And pay—for those in France.

CONTRIBUTE TO THE PATRIOTIC FUND

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Mail us the cheques or cash you receive, with your Pass-book, which we will return with the Deposit credited. Then you can pay your bills by cheques, which we will honor, or if you want the cash yourself, send us a cheque in your own favor and we will forward the money by return mail.

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Empress Branch - W. M. CROSBIE, Manager



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## The Benefit of Good Example

The benefit of good example was illustrated the other day at Finch Creek when two Treaty Indians, Neil Yellow Plums and Charlie Grier brought in the sum of \$20 as a contribution to the Canadian Patriotic Fund. These two men had seen in the papers that another Indian, Big Swan, had given \$10 to the fund and they were not to be outdone in their generosity, so they came with similar amounts. If the white people of Southern Alberta contribute on the same scale, the Patriotic Fund will be subscribed several times over.

Thomas Cook, of Empress, was before His Honor, Judge Greene, at the District Judge's Criminal Court, charged with securing from S. E. Peters and Son, of Empress, an overcoat, value \$24.00, by fraudulent misrepresentation. The prosecution alleged that he had bought the overcoat on credit, and that he had said he was a partner in the restaurant where he was employed. A number of witnesses were called by the Crown and accused testified on his own behalf. The evidence of the owner of the restaurant showed that the accused had some interest in the business, therefore His Honor decided that there was no evidence to establish misrepresentation and dismissed the case and ordered the accused to be released from custody.—Medicine Hat News.

## Public Notice

Having taken over the Alberta Garage from Messrs. York & Boyd, I hereby wish to make known to the people of Empress and vicinity that I am prepared to do all classes of REPAIR WORK, etc. Special prices for overhauling. Hoping to be favored with your patronage.  
 I am, yours truly,  
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Nice Meals and Clean Rooms and Beds

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- MUFFLERS—Tub silk, knitted silks and bandannas.
- GLOVES—Warm and dressy, \$1.00 up.
- SOX—Fine cashmere, all wool, at 50c, 60c and 75c. Silk and silk Lisle at 35c, 50c 75c and \$1.00
- SHIRTS—A wonderful range of styles and patterns, from \$1.00 up.
- PyJAMAS—Flannellette and zephyr, finished with silk frog fasteners, \$1.75 to \$2.50.
- HANDKERCHIEFS—Pure, Irish bleach linen, nicely boxed. The famous Kum-Sealed handkerchiefs, in all prices. Soft laundered ready for use.
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## FOR SALE

A number of Pure-Bred Barred Rock Hens for sale. \$1.50 each, less for 10.—H. J. Moore, Empress.

## Professional Cards

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 Commissioner for Oaths  
 Solicitor for The Town of Empress  
 The Union Bank, Ltd.  
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 LICENSED AUCTIONEER  
 For provisions at Sask. and Alberta, is prepared to conduct all kinds of Sales at reasonable rates. Satisfaction guaranteed. Dates made at this office or at my residence, 6 miles south of Empress.  
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stock or machinery or paying off existing  
claims, make application NOW.

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No delay

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is better than much and  
running over at the  
wrong time : : :



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appointed this year  
in doing your shop-  
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just what you want  
for your friends.

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ing Desks, Padded Seats, Booklets, Kodaks, Photo-  
graphs, Pipes, Cigar cases etc.

SAME RELIABLE PLACE

BROWN'S RECALL DRUG &amp; BOOK STORE

## Local

The I.O.D.E. will meet on  
Tuesday next, January 9th, at  
the home of Mrs. R. M. Hen-  
derson.

The I.O.O.F. contemplate  
starting a Lodge. Will all  
Oddfellows in the district call  
on John Cusack, Sec. pro tem.

The Empress Chapter I.O.D.E.  
has shipped to the Red Cross  
Society at Calgary a box con-  
taining 48 dozen compresses;  
18 surgical shirts; 8 pairs socks;  
6 bolts of gauze; 4 dozen 4in.  
bandages; 10 dozen 3 1/2 in. band-  
ages; 7 dozen 3in. bandages;  
7 dozen 2 1/2 in. bandages.

Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Hawkins,  
of Chetwyn Dale Farm, held  
their annual party on Thurs-  
day, Dec. 28th, 1918. Among  
the guests were Mr. and Mrs. T.  
W. Lee and family, Mr. and  
Mrs. Ernest Haines, Mr. L.  
Johnson, Mr. W. C. Barker, Mr.  
and Mrs. E. V. Biggs, the Misses  
Gilham and others. A splendid  
dinner was served in style by  
the worthy hostess. The after-  
noon was spent in games to the  
enjoyment of all. Supper was  
served at 8 p.m. after which a  
concert was arranged by the  
guests, the participants acquit-  
ting themselves with great cred-  
it. The party broke up at day-  
break with the usual good  
wishes to the host and hostess;  
musical honors being accorded  
them for a thoroughly enjoy-  
able time.—Con.

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trick. Sold only at Brown's.

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Prices and terms are right.—  
Call at Alberta Machine Shop,  
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plies, counter check books, all  
kinds of printed and commer-  
cial stationery, etc.; call or  
write us.—The Empress Express

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Feed &amp; Sale Stable

Horses always on  
hand for sale

Alberta  
Pacific Grain  
Co.

CALGARY  
Farmers!

We handle your grain by the  
Car or Carload at competi-  
tive prices. LIBERAL  
ADVANCE on Carload lots  
Track Loader at

SHARROW  
Elevator at  
EMPRESS

J. W. Healy, Agent, Empress  
Victor Begg, Agent, Sharrow

## The Third Annual

St. Valentine  
MASQUERADE BALL  
Wednesday  
Feb. 14th

## Christmas!

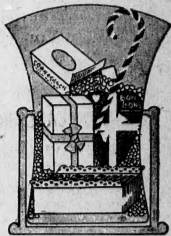
## Christmas!

For that BIG CHRISTMAS DINNER

We can supply you with all the delicious  
EATABLES that are on the market

High-Class Confectionery  
Fancy Vegetables and Fruits  
Fancy Box Chocolates  
Jap Oranges, Nuts  
Fancy Cookies, big assort-  
ment and fresh  
Beautiful display cut flow-  
ers  
Holly, Mistletoe, Wreathing  
Christmas Stockings, etc.

BURY'S  
FRUIT STORE



Empress Meat Market  
GREAT REDUCTION IN PRICE  
OF MEATS

Whole Quarters at 12c.

cut to suit the customer

Beef, Pork, Mutton, Fish, Poultry, and  
TURKEYS for CHRISTMAS

H. L. MASSINGILL, proprietor

## Sleighs, Cutters

McCormick

Farm Machinery and Repairs

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# Winter Goods FOR THE Farmer

Sweater Coats Felt Boots  
Overshoes Boots Heavy Sox  
Underwear Mitts, Etc.  
Groceries at Prices that are Right

You can't go wrong when dealing at

## BRODIE'S

# JIM WADE—YOUR BUTCHER

THIRD AVENUE

Next Door to Brown's Drug Store

Is Now OPEN For Business

We handle the GOOD GOODS in Fresh and Cured  
Meats, Sausage Etc.

Come in and have a talk with Jim  
before selling your poultry and Hides

AGENT FOR E. S. HYMAN & CO.  
The Largest Hide Buyers in Canada

## JIM WADE

Hardware Furniture Granite Ware Stoves Paints Oils Glass, Etc.

# N. D. STOREY

QUALITY HARDWARE  
AND FURNITURE

Empress, Alberta, January 2nd, 1917

TO MY CUSTOMERS:

This is not a dun, but a statement of facts; that under this great world's war, conditions have greatly changed in the last few years, and especially the last few months.

## A FEW INSTANCES

Barbed wire that sold in the spring of 1915 at \$4.25 per spool, sells now for \$5.00.

Wire Nails, that sold a year ago for \$4.00 a keg base, is now \$6.00.

Flour, that sold a year ago for \$3.50, today sells for \$5.25.

Galvanized Goods, such as Pails and Tubs etc., are doubled in price.

Woolen and Cotton Goods climbing away out of sight.

Canned Fruits and Vegetables very much higher.

Leather Goods, such as Harness, Shoes, in fact anything in which leather is used, advancing all the time.

Even the Government has asked the railroads to take up 1200 miles of steel for use in the fighting zone.

With these conditions existing today, is it not reasonable to expect that all lines of Hardware are continually advancing.

Now my reason for mentioning these few lines for comparison, is for this purpose: I have given many thousand dollars of credit, a large amount which is still unpaid, and which must have at once to continue business, which, under the present conditions, is impossible.

I am not saying to you no more credit, BUT I AM SAYING that I will only give credit for a period of 30 days, beginning from the first of each and every month, and must be paid before the 10th of the month following, or credit will be refused. You will see that business under other conditions would be impossible.

Wholesale houses today will not extend credit as in the past, in fact quite a few of them are only shipping C.O.D. as supplies are scarce, and there are many who can pay cash. They will receive the goods; others who wish credit will not. I am sure that this must be quite plain and fair.

I wish to thank you for the business you have favored me with, and if indebted to me I will not be able to extend more credit until the account is paid in full, not later than the 10th of January.

## Wheat Prices

At Empress

Thursday, Jan. 4, by car lots, No. 1 Nor., 1.65  
" " " by the load, " 1.61  
Oats, street price, 44c; car lots Flax, by load, 2.30

## Local and Personal

Practise writing 1917.

Many of our citizens dined out on New Year's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Brown left on Thursday for a trip to Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Brodie and family left last week for Aurora, Ont., and will be away about a month.

M. L. Haggins has resumed his former trade of tonsorial artist in the Leonard shop on Third Avenue.

Minutes of Councils of the R. M. of Acadia Valley, Manitoba and Royal Canadian, are unavoidably left over this week through lack of space.

Owing to the absence of the rector, the Rev. Geo. Davis, there will be no services held in the Anglican Church Sunday next, January 7th.

Union Church Sunday School will be held as usual in the theatre at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday next. A cordial invitation to attend is extended to all.

It is rumored on very good authority that the Masons, Odd-fellows and Orangemen, will in all probability open lodges in Empress in the very near future, provided they are able to secure suitable quarters. This should be a good opportunity for some property owner to improve his investment by erecting and renting to lodges the necessary building.

Mr. Geo. Avey returned on Tuesday from a honeymoon trip to N. Dakota.

Mr. M. N. McIver has taken over the Alberta Garage from Messrs. York & Boyd.

V. A. Borg left Monday to take over the Alberta Pacific elevator at Sibbald.

Mrs. H. P. Shepherd and daughter are visiting friends at Indian Head, Sask.

Mr. Ira Clarke and children returned from Mondamin, Mich. on Saturday.

Many of our citizens have been suffering from influenza during this past week, being confined to their homes as a result of this sickness.

Better than ever will be the Annual Masquerade Ball, held in the Grand Theatre on St. Valentine's Day, February 14th. Be sure to keep this date open. Funds for Belgian Relief.

W. H. R. Sparling has returned to Empress from Calgary and has taken up his residence on his homestead southwest of town for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Reedy spent Christmas with the parents of Mr. Reedy. The two Misses Reedy and Messrs. E. D. G. Goodrich and A. Hodgson accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Reedy on their return and spent New Years here.

The marriage of George Pilliner, of Empress, to Miss Helen Barr, of Marshall Town, Iowa, was solemnized at Marshall Town on Friday, December 15. Mr. and Mrs. Pilliner returned to Empress last week and intend to take up their permanent residence here.

The Annual Masquerade Ball under the auspices of the publishers of the Empress Express, will take place at the Grand Theatre, Empress, on St. Valentine's Day, February 14th. The proceeds will be donated to the Belgian Relief Fund.

The dance held Thursday last under the auspices of the Woman's Auxiliary of the English Church, proved to be one of the most successful dances of the past year. Those who attended report a good time. Music was rendered by Messrs. De Grote, McNeil, Simpson, and Miss Hopkins, of Estuary, and was very much appreciated.

Attention is drawn to the magnificent collection raised on behalf of the Patriotic Fund in Acadia Valley. Farmers resident in the Valley must feel proud of the community in which they live. Many of the crops in this district were severely damaged by frost and some were an absolute loss, yet these men all contributed to the fund. They are to be heartily congratulated on the result of the collection, which is an example to those who have yet failed to contribute to the fund.

## NOTICE

Owing to Sickness our Blacksmith Shop

has been closed during the past three weeks. We are

**NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS**

Jack Campbell

at the  
Red Deer Garage

# Hand Painted China AND Shrapnel Souvenirs AT COST

Full line Rings, Jewelry, Silverware,  
Cut Glass, Fancy Goods

Waltham Watches, Community Silver

**B. L. DAWDY & Co.**

THE JEWELLERS

Watchmaker and Optician

Issuer of Marriage Licenses for Alberta and Saskatchewan

# Christmas Goods

Candy Bon Bons  
Christmas Stockings Fresh Nuts  
All fresh Fruits in season, Jap Oranges

Toys Toys Toys

FINE CHINA and CROCKERY

**COLE & BELFIE**

# Put Your Shoulder

TO THE WHEEL

for a Bigger Lift to help make

1917

the Greatest and Best year in Alberta's history. That's the practical way to carry out your New Year Resolutions. So says J. N. Anderson from the Empress Lumber Yard, the busiest and best yard in Alberta

If there's anything you want and  
you want the best---SEE

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The Auctioneer

He sells the Earth &  
everything there's on  
it at greatly reduced  
prices.

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